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*#18* PATENT *13/25/03*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shoberg, Ralph S.  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
AUDITING A TENSION LOAD IN THE  
THREADED FASTENER

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 25-0115.

The Office Action dated September 13, 2002 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 18-21.

18. (New) A method for comparing relative clamp loads between a plurality of installed threaded fasteners comprising:  
providing a plurality of tightened threaded fasteners;

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